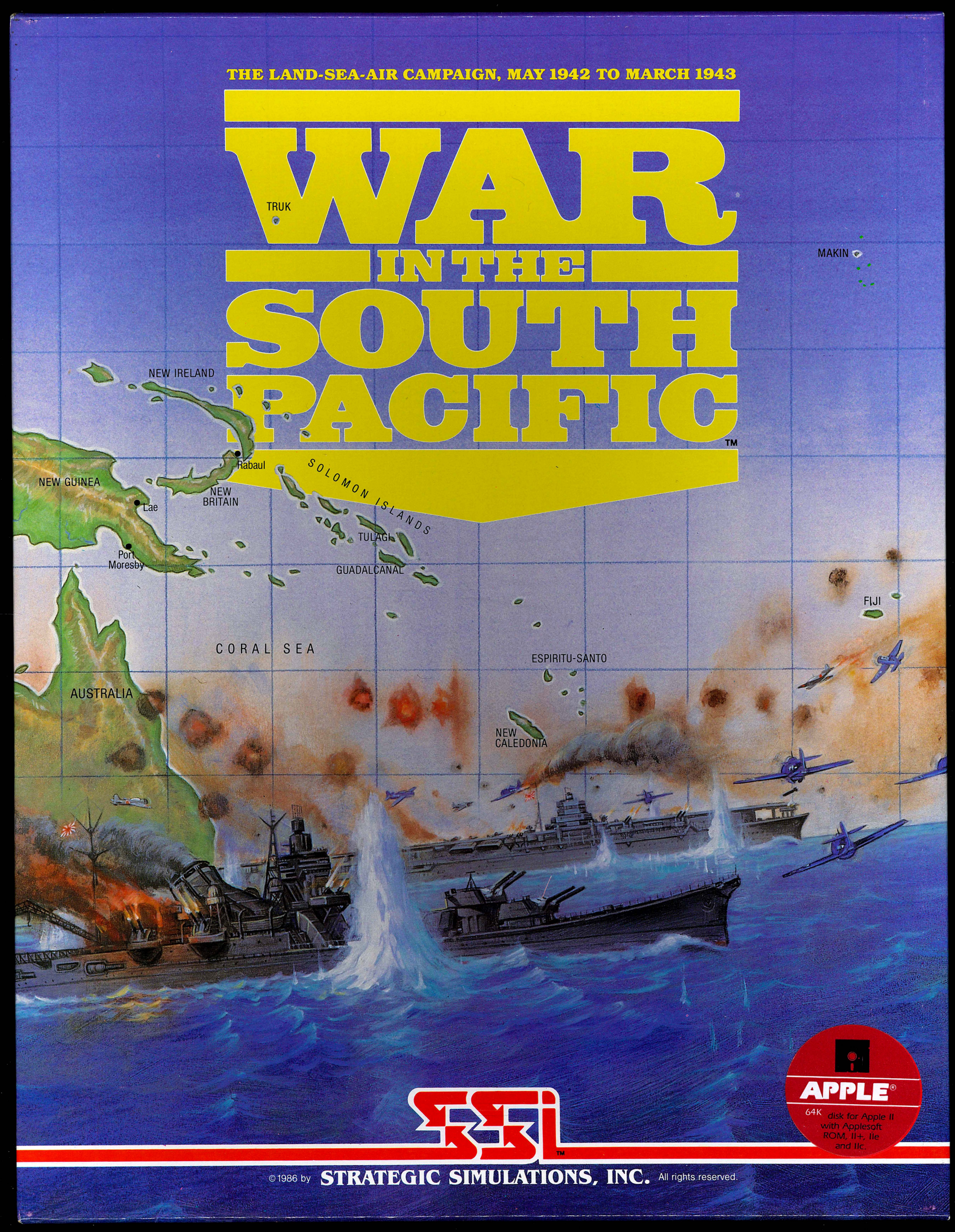
THE LAND-SEA-AIR CAMPAIGN, MAY 1942 TO MARCH 1943

WAR IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC™



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64K disk for Apple II with Applesoft ROM, II+, IIe and IIc.

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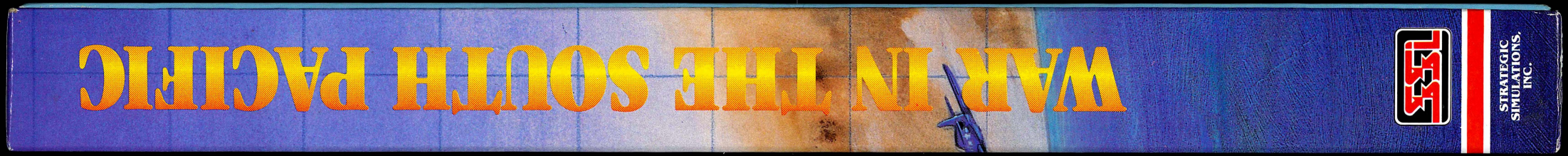
- Map contains Fiji in the east, Port Moresby in the west, Truk in the north, and Brisbane in the south.
- Play one of three campaign games beginning on May 1, 1942, August 8, 1942, and October 17, 1942. All campaign games end in March, 1943.
- Choose from 79 different ship classes and 17 different aircraft types.
- Features include hidden movement, limited intelligence and inaccurate ship sightings.
- Players can switch between 1, 4, and 8-hour turns, allowing for detailed carrier battles and faster play during periods of inactivity.

WAR IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC was designed by **Gary Grigsby**, whose other works include SSI's KAMPFGRUPPE™, WARSHIP™, CARRIER FORCE™, and NORTH ATLANTIC '86™.

■ PLAYING TIME — 25 to 100 hours. ■ ADVANCED LEVEL.

Art director: LOUIS HSU SAEKOW. Illustrator: JOSEPH CHIODO.



Date: April 30, 1942
From: Admiral Yamamoto, CIC Combined Fleet
To: Vice-Admiral Inouye, Commander South Pacific Theater
PLANS FOR MIDWAY OPERATION CANCELLED. EXPECT ARRIVAL OF COMBINED FLEET IN YOUR THEATER OF OPERATIONS AT END OF MAY. PREPARE FOR MAXIMUM EFFORT AGAINST ENEMY BASES IN EASTERN AUSTRALIA.

WAR IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC provides three exciting scenarios:

■ **The Hypothetical Campaign Game, May '42 to March '43.** This scenario assumes that the Battle of Midway — and the resulting devastation of Japan's carrier force — did not take place. Instead, the Japanese High Command chooses to throw the bulk of its naval might against the islands of the South Pacific and Australia. Starting with both sides given the actual South Pacific forces available just before the Battle of the Coral Sea, this scenario has Yamamoto's awesome carrier fleet steaming towards Australia instead of Midway. For ten months (*game* time, not real time!), you'll fight the most intense battles of your life around Truk, Guadalcanal, Port Moresby, Rabaul, Fiji, and Australia!

■ **The Japanese Response to the U.S. Invasion of Guadalcanal, August '42 to March '43.** This shorter campaign game is historically based. Emboldened by its victory at Midway, the U.S. launched an attack on Guadalcanal in early August and easily defeated a small Japanese force of construction workers. As the Japanese commander, you must decide how to respond to what is the first American counterattack in the South Pacific theater. Should you try to re-take Guadalcanal, or concentrate on attacking the Allied base of Port Moresby in New Guinea?

■ **The Decisive Battles for Guadalcanal, October '42 to March '43.** The shortest scenario starts with the Japanese firmly committed to re-take Guadalcanal. By mid-October, the Japanese had landed 20,000 men on the island. To support these men, Japanese battleships were ordered to bombard the Allied base, and their carriers were sent to intercept the Allied response. This action-filled scenario allows you to re-create the carrier battle at Santa Cruz, and the First and Second Naval Battles of Guadalcanal.

INCREDIBLE DETAIL. No matter which scenario you choose, each offers you amazing detail and realism. Every carrier, battleship, cruiser, destroyer, submarine and transport available to both sides at that time comes rated for speed, cargo/plane-carrying capacity, damage points, and number of main guns, secondary anti-aircraft guns and number of torpedo tubes. Eleven U.S. and six Japanese plane types are included, and combat is resolved down to each individual plane!

DECISIONS, DECISIONS, DECISIONS. This advanced simulation gives the ardent wargamer plenty of command decisions. A commitment point system is used to accurately reflect the limited resources your country can devote to any one theater. You use these points to "buy" your forces. Carriers and battleships are powerful but expensive, while transports, destroyers, and submarines are cheap. Also remember, you can only buy ships that are historically available at a given time. Each day of the campaign, you are given more points with which you must hoard carefully in order to buy new ships or buy back ships that you've sent back for repairs.

To keep your airbases and ports operational, you'll need to accumulate supply points. If you can keep your losses down, you may have enough supply points to expand your ports. With a big enough port, you can refuel and repair your ships, and replenish their ammunition. Supply points can also be used to expand airfields, which will allow you to base more planes and form larger airstrikes.

The game is broken down into one-, four-, or eight-hour pulses so you can engage in high-resolution combat or speed up the action. Inaccurate intelligence reports on enemy sightings and damage your attacks have caused must be taken with a grain of salt.

COMPUTER CONTROL. This game offers one feature commanders of World War II would have loved to have: You can relinquish day-to-day command of any airbase, port, or task force to the computer.

War in the South Pacific also boasts a computer opponent that can not only play either side, but whose electronic circuits will give your organic grey cells a run for their money.

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Port Moresby display also shows a portion of the west central area of the game map.

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CA PORTLAND 0 0 60 10 0
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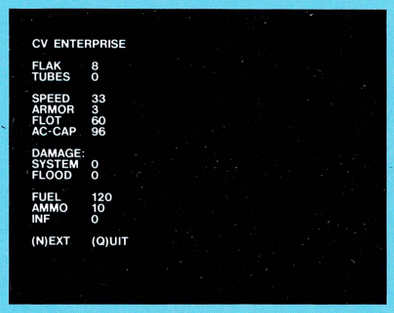
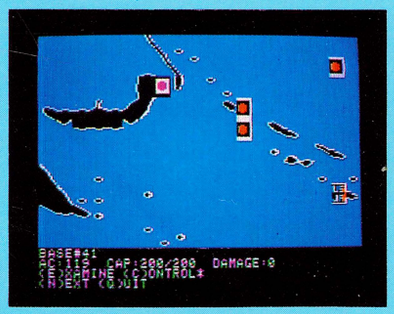
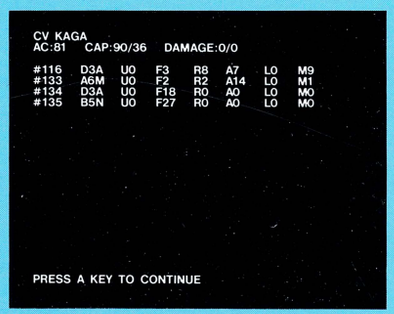
Display of American task force centered on the carrier *Enterprise*.



Enterprise ship data display.



Rabaul airbase display also shows the portion of the map that includes the Solomon Islands and the conflict on Guadalcanal.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#134 D3A U0 F18 R0 A0 LO M0
#135 B5N U0 F27 R0 A0 LO M0
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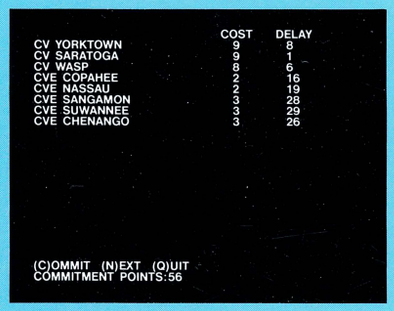
Kaga air group display reveals 7 D3A aircraft in the air conducting a search while 14 A6M fighters fly CAP over the *Kaga's* task force.



Commitment display for American carriers indicates the number of weeks before each carrier may be committed to the game and its cost in points.